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TH-THAT'S LADY MEIDAN!
YOU NEEDN'T COME ANYMORE.
THIS IS WHERE I PART WITH YOU
A dull man whose only attraction is his face doesn't interest me

This is the story of a certain pair of brothers,
in a certain kingdom ...
WHOOSH
YOU CAN'T.
WHOOSH
INSTANT
Captain of the Royal Guard Robert Streisser
Hey, hey!
Robert ♡
WHOOSH
A relaxing voice.
His highness
WHOOSH
Do you not think about how much trouble the things you say cause me?
I know even if you don't say anything. Anyway, you're just going to say you want to go out, or you want to go visit Mr So-and-So, right?
GLARE
You're terrible!
I haven't even said anything yet!
HUFF HUFF...

You're after me now?
HUH!? NO, I...
Vice-captain of the Royal Guard Emile Streisser
Emile, come on and say something!
THAT... THAT HE COULD ACTUALLY TREAT HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND LIKE THIS.
Sniffle
!
WAAAH...! I'VE BEEN LITTERLY BETRAYED!
I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU JUST GO WITH WHAT BROTHER SAYS...
You remind me of someone...
Please don't use such feminine words.
We don't.
Don't you think it's pitiful little ol' me so bored over here I'm about to die!?
Click
Your highness...
Click
Click
You heartless bastards!!
SCREECH
Handkerchief!

Raise
SMACK

Emile it's been a while
Not hearing anything from you for more than a year...
That's quite some courage
...LA...
LADY MEIDAN ...
My, you actually remember me?
LADY !?
I HEARD FROM FRANCESCA
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE QUITE INFATUATED WITH SOME "BLACK-HAIRED BEAUTY."
AS ANOTHER WOMAN WITH BLACK HAIR, I'D SO LIKE TO MEET THIS PERSON.
SO, WHERE MIGHT THIS BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BE?
Another girl's name...
WHO'S FRANCESCA?
Bea... beautiful woman?
It couldn't be...
COULD THIS BE
You really get around, Emile!

OH MY, NO!
Ha ha ha
YOU'RE MISTAKEN, GERTRUDE! ♡
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M MISTAKEN, FRANCESCA?
Ah, so Francesca is Lady Crosteld?
Yes, she is.
I never said "beautiful woman."
Chuckle
First name revelation
Emile's former lover Lady Francesca Crosteld
YOU DID SAY IT!
YOU SAID EMILE IS NOW ENAMORED WITH SOME BLACK-HAIRED BEAUTY...
YES, I SAID THAT.
Then just now...
AREN'T YOU CONTRADICTING YOURSELF?
MY, NOT AT ALL. AND THE PERSON YOU WANT IS RIGHT THERE.
What do you mean "there"
E
R
H
Excited
Excited

Ponder
Ponder
black-haired... beauty?
!?
.....
?
WAIT
HE IS A "BLACK-HAIRED BEAUTY," RIGHT?
Point
HE CERTAINLY HAS A NICE FACE
AND HE'S YOUNG AT THAT
BUT NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, ISN'T HE A MAN!?
WHY YES

Is this a joke!?
Are you saying that we've lost to a man!?
And who exactly is that!?
EMILE'S OLDER BROTHER ROBERT.
YOU HAVE AT LEAST HEARD OF HIM, RIGHT?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
I have one older brother
Emile any siblings?
Flash-back
ARE THOSE TWO ACQUAINTANCES?
THEY'RE VERY CLOSE FRIENDS
...YOU'VE DATED BOTH OF THESE CLOSE FRIENDS?
AHAHAHA...
AND FURTHERMORE THEY'RE BOTH MARRIED?
Wa...
Hmm ...
He's more superficial than I thought.
Stroke

Now I'm wholeheartedly devoted to you
Huh? Are you confessing?
Clasp
you
What in the world are you saying?
I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT. BUT WHAT YOU SAID IS REALLY TRUE
oh my love
FRANCESCA, AREN'T YOU FRUSTRATED?
CHUCKLE
WASN'T EMILE YOUR LITTLE FAVORITE?
BUT I JUST ADORE THOSE TWO. ♡
IF YOU LOOK TOO, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND, GERTRUDE
AND ROBERT'S CHARM
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE A SIDE OF EMILE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN

Charm huh?
It's something I so want to be shown
I UNDERSTAND
EMILE,
You who no one could possess,
That charm that captures you
Lady Meidan!
Click
Click
I'LL GO HOME FOR TODAY,
BUT FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE LETTING ME OBSERVE YOU TWO CLOSELY
Click

I ask you, please do not do something to hurt my brother
WELL NOW, EMILE,
IS YOUR BROTHER REALLY SO DELICATE THAT HE CAN BE HURT JUST BY BEING OBSERVED?
SIEGLINDE HAS BEEN WANTING TO SEE YOU TOO
YES
I'LL BRING HER ALONG ANOTHER TIME, SO PLAY WITH HER, ALL RIGHT?

WELL NOW,
THINGS GOT INTERESTING, HUH?
EMILE
I wonder what they were talking about just now...
And who's Sieglinde?
It's another girl's name, but...
YOUR HIGHNESS
AREN'T YOU CONCERNED?
CONCERNED?
ABOUT WHAT?
ISN'T THIS THE PERFECT MOTIVATION FOR THOSE TWO?

WA HA HA HA!
Just call me "The Streisser Family Expert!!"
HA HA
SO LIKE YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS, ABLE TO SEE THROUGH EVERYTHING ♡
Clench
The second day after Lady Meidan made her appearance...
.....

EMILE
WHAT AN EFFICIENT GUY
Emile?
Although he's completely distracted
scratch
scratch
he's still filling out paperwork
ZONED OUT
Emile is in a strange state
APPEAR
Hello?
SO...

Just set the paperwork aside, OK?
YOU ALRIGHT ?
Y...YES! I'M SORRY
I'm fine.
SURPRISED...
Cling
Ah ... Brother ...
This is bad...
LADY MEIDAN
HUH!?
I just keep worrying about things with Lady Meidan...

Cla
tter
Brother
!?
Run
!
How
surprising
Lady
Meidan!

!
Is the Emile this woman knows
WHAT IS IT?
I wonder if Emile didn't...
tell him to get close to me.
He actually came to me
WHAT PART OF EMILE ...
And the Emile I know...
Actually different...?
APPEALS TO YOU SO MUCH?
shoes
so sudden!?
Let me see
First, his face and body.
!!
what a shockingly direct question.
...Please excuse me...
st. just

Snap
Every—thing!
Yes, every—thing!!
that he knows how to treat any random woman well—
that he has a quick, sharp mind,
And, that he's so mature you can't even tell he's 16,
SHOULD I BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS ?
OTHER THAN THAT...
WHAT APPEALS TO ME MOST
IS HIS GENTLE SIDE

Thump
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING UP YOUR TIME
It's the same
Between the Emile that I know
and the Emile that this woman knows
nothing is different

Stagger
I CAN FEEL THE POWER IN THOSE GENES
THEY ARE UNMISTAKABLY BROTHERS...
These two...
Shake
Shake
Lady-killer brothers!!
Step
STEP
La...
STEP
new title?
I wonder when that was
There were times when Emile had that expression too
Although they're nothing alike in appearance
That expression...
An amazingly strong
And cool person
A brother? What sort of person is he?
...Ah, that's it.
That time...
I have one elder brother

but, what part of him is strong?
It's so far removed from his image
That big brother looks weak but...
AH REALLY
THOSE TWO END UP MAKING THE SAME EXPRESSION WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT EACH OTHER...
Emile's kindness is so natural
It's not because he wants to be rewarded
He doesn't do things like using women or fawning over them
He's just an unconditionally caring boy
He's for the welfare of all
If he could
slip
because,
He can't come to belong to just one person

JUMP
Step
Step
Step
Ah.
EXCUSE M.
BROTHER!
If he could
Turn
Did you meet with Lady Meidan!?
AH WELL, YEAH...
RUFFLE
RUFFLE
!?
NOT REALLY
STARE
DID THE LADY NOT SAY ANYTHING TO YOU!?

WHA... WHAT IS IT?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH LADY MEIDAN?
IF IT'S HER YOU WANT, I THINK SHE'S IN THAT ROOM OVER THERE, EMILE.
AH. YES, THAT'S
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY BUSINESS WITH HER...
NO... SORRY. IT'S NOTHING.
cough
He sort of wanted to tease him
Let go!
Thump
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BRUNO!?
IS YOUR NEXT LOVER THE CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

I WON'T ACCEPT THIS YET!!
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR REASON!
REASON ?
IF IT'S A REASON YOU WANT, I'VE SAID IT!
A MAN WHOSE ONLY ATTRACTION IS HIS FACE DOESN'T INTEREST ME
Shock
You mock me!?
STARTLED
I AM A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD!
I'M ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES!
SEIZE

Emile!!
WOULD ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES...
BRANDISH A WEAPON AT A LADY?
Swing
LET GO!!
Step
Step
Step
Grab
UWAH!
Slash

Connect
AH!
KNOCKED OUT
about 4m
in instant
He went flying...?
Thud
ME
Lady meidan

SO? DID YOU UNDERSTAND ROBERT'S CHARM A BIT?
Huh!?
Clap
WAH... AS EXPECTED OF BROTHER ♡
Clap
FRANCESCA...
I can't believe it.
This is cheating.
Bingo ♡
It's that gap, right?
Somewhere in this thin body, he's got brute strength!!
This is fraud, fraud!!
SINCE BEFORE EMILE EVER MET HIS,
HE'S BEEN THINKING OF ONLY ROBERT.

EMILE, IS YOUR WOUND OKAY?
It's fine.
It's to Robert. I can hand him over.
YES, IT ONLY GRAZED ME
IT'S ALRIGHT ♡
EMILE'S COME THIS FAR.
Hmph
I ALREADY KNEW THAT
Chuckle
Mohm
HE JUST CAN'T PLAY AROUND NOW.
Chuckle
Chuckle
IT'S REALLY TOO BAD.
I've really understood
That Emile's most precious person has already been decided

Stop
BLUSH
S... I just sorry. ...
Oh no ..
PART
Such a cute scene
AND THEY WERE SO SULKY A WHILE AGO! ♡
Wait, what's that!?
Emile is blushing!?
No! I want to see!!
I'm embarrassed just by watching!
TOUCHED

TAP
TAP
TAP
Emile!
Mother !!
Sieg-linde!
I SEE
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU MEANT BY BEING ABLE TO SEE A PART OF EMILE I NEVER HAVE.
IT'S EXACTLY THIS ♡


SIEGLINDE, HAVE YOU BEEN WELL BEHAVED?
YES, MOTHER!
When they said Sieglinde they meant this child?
HM?
"MO-THER ?"
EMILE, YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
YOU NEVER CAME TO SEE ME.
SORRY

HA...
EMILE...
YOU WENT SO FAR AS TO PUT YOUR HANDS ON A WOMAN WITH A CHILD...?
DA
DU
EMILE!!
Wah, I'm sorry!!
COME OVER HERE AND SIT DOWN!!
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